

all that appears to be necessary to a general
attack is the rallying and marshaling their
forces

now it is the general impression that should
you be present with us it would allay much of
the excitement and take away an excuse that is
in the mouths of all that they with far more aggres-
sance with you everyone friends begin to think
you are not doing right and for the good of
this people I earnestly advise you to be with us
as soon as possible a petition for a parish meeting
has been organized by the prudential committee and
withdrawn we think it not prudent to push matters
to extremities but think your presence might pave
the way for a reconciliation

Mr Blodget who preach'd with us yesterday after
the prayer meeting this evening walk'd home with
one and from learning the state of feeling here
think it indispensable that you should be
here as soon as possible

now I hope you will not consider this an
intrusion but will receive it as from one who feels
your situation as well as the situation of the people
in Hopkinton I write not only own wishes alone but
those of many of the brethren of our church
but my time is expiring and I must close
with subcribing my self your affectionate friend

Elijah Fitch

Dear Fitch

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Dear sir

When you left us you mentioned a desire to know what might be the movements I have left it to Dr Chamberlain to give you the general movements of the parish and expect he has done it so far as he has been furnish'd with facts

I have now thought it my duty to give you some account of the movements in the Sabbath schools the eastern school is attended with considerable interest the Eastern school has been attack'd and nearly destroy'd last Sabbath I was importuned to go to the upper factor as that school was going to decay but the necessity of the case seem'd to require my presence at the lower part of the town and I accordingly went the enemy had mostly retired and it was found necessary to re-organise the school on a little different plan from what it was at first it is now under the care of Mr Bradbury a pious well inform'd man who has been a supervisor in Salem one who is judicious prudent & in whom we may confide the mutual classes are now a Bible class to meet with the teachers one hour sooner than the sabbath the reason of this change is the influence of Unitarianism clashing to alteration but I must not tell all, my time & paper will not admit

you will see by this statement that the out works are attack'd if they can be maintained by the vigilance and perseverance of the friends of Sabbath schools in this place we shall be glad but I have my fears for the main critical and am in daily expectation of attack against that but I shall endeavor to be on my guard as much as possible